GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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TRANSPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES BY ECL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) has been transporting explosive materials for their collieries in open bullock carts near Nimcha in Asansol;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the repercussions thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL(DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): As reported by Coal India Ltd., Bullock carts had been used for transportation of explosives from Nimcha to Amkola unit under Nimcha Colliery in Eastern Coalfields Ltd. in the past. However, at present motorized vehicle with sufficient security is provided for transportation of explosives.

(c) As mentioned in reply to parts (a) & (b) above, steps have already been taken by the coal company and transportation of explosives is being done in motorized vehicles in all collieries of ECL.